

Docket No. 50325-0076 (Seq. No. 1417)

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In re Application of:	:	Confirmation No.: 4033
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Sunil K. Srivastava	:	Group Art Unit: 2131
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Serial No.: 09/408,420	:	Examiner: Syed Zia
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Filed: September 29, 1999	:	
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For: METHOD FOR OVERCOMING THE	:	
SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE OF THE	:	
CENTRAL GROUP CONTROLLER IN A	:	
BINARY TREE GROUP KEY EXCHANGE	:	
APPROACH	:	

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 22, 2006, please reconsider the present application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

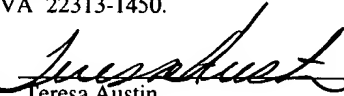
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2.
- **Remarks** begin at page 25.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AMEND, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

on December 20, 2006

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